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Note and Comment.

The correspondence brought down to Ottawa the other day between Mr. Preston, the commissioner of emigration in Britain, and Mr. Jury, one of his officials, does not tend to increase the public confidence in the administration of that branch of the public service. The two men have evidently been on bad terms. In a letter of the 26th of February, 1905, from Mr. Jury to Mr. Preston, the former complains that he has no funds, and he adds:

"I am broke, and unless I get some money I cannot complete my lecture engagements. I have got any gold mines in the shape of the Canadian Labor Bureau or the North Atlantic Trading Company to draw from. By the way, I see from the Auditor-General's report that it is a very good gold mine. Do you know if there are any shares for sale in that company? You may be able to get me in on the ground floor."

This is the company whose contract has been under discussion in parliament and whose constitution and general conduct have exposed it to so much just suspicion. Its defenders claim that it did not get a cent except after it had rendered the service in procuring emigrants for Canada that had been stipulated for. But if this is the case, why did the present Minister of the Interior determine in such haste this spring to cancel its contract? In explaining his action, he states that he found it was not living up to the letter or the spirit of its agreement. But what have we to show that it ever lived up to these? Mr. Jury's letter was not written for publication but it serves to indicate what some of those most intimately associated with the immigration work thought of the North Atlantic Co.'s arrangement. The character of the men involved is not of the best. Mr. Preston belongs to the school of Ontario politicians which has brought disaster to the party in that province. We say "belongs" advisedly for no matter what public office he has held; he has never ceased to be a politician. He is the kind of man who is sure to bring up the discredit on the civil service, and Mr. Oliver should take steps to clean him and the rest of his crowd out. The present minister is not personally responsible for this North Atlantic contract and he will make a great mistake if he does not insist that the fullest light should be thrown upon it.

The Opposition at Ottawa has been raising a disturbance over the fact that Hon. Mr. Aylesworth has practised to some extent since assuming his portfolio. The government has stood by him but the two Toronto Liberal newspapers, the Globe and the Star, have joined in the criticism of his action. Mr. Aylesworth in his defence states that he merely appeared in cases that he had undertaken before accepting office, and which he deemed himself in duty bound to his clients to finish. But the precedent is a bad one and if he had been wise, the postmaster-general would have placed his briefs in the hands of another lawyer. A mem-

ber of the cabinet, who shares the responsibility for judicial appointments and promotions, should in no case appear as a counsel. In this instance, it is particularly unfortunate as Mr. Aylesworth is believed to be in direct line for the portfolio of justice. Looking at the matter solely from the standpoint of party tactics, the unwisdom of his course is more apparent still. His connections as a corporation lawyer made it necessary for him to overcome a mass of prejudice on his entrance into politics and he should have cut loose from them without delay.

The Strathcona Chronicle publishes a lengthy article in the course of which it states that a remarkably easy grade has been obtained into Strathcona and that the government will force the G. T. P. to run into that town. It further alleges that the railway company was determined to sidetrack Strathcona and hints that bribery and corruption had much to do with the G. T. P. plans. The Chronicle's charge is a remarkable one and it is to be hoped if it has any foundation, that fuller particulars will be given. Surely an individual or a set of individuals would hardly be able to offer a large enough bribe to induce a corporation like the G. T. P. to change its course. Or is the reference to the inducements which it was proposed to have the municipality of Edmonton offer? "Bribery" and "corruption" are strange terms to apply to these. At any rate, the Chronicle is now assured that the railway will enter Edmonton by a high level bridge and that with the C. N. R. coming down the south side of the river, the three roads will have a union station somewhere in Strathcona, which will as a result become the wholesale and distributing centre of Alberta. We do not think that there is much likelihood that our contemporary's dream will ever be realized. Edmonton has become a much larger business centre than Strathcona in spite of the fact that hitherto it has been at a very great disadvantage in regard to railway facilities. Now that the different roads are bending their energies to get into the city, the development on this side of the river must proceed more rapidly than ever. If the union station were to be built in Strathcona, the C. P. R. would hardly be proceeding with the erection of a million and a half dollar bridge for the sake of entering Edmonton. But it seems to the Saturday News the utmost folly to continue to speak of the two towns as rivals. With the opening up of high level communication between them, they should in a short time become one municipality and the prosperity of one must add to that of the other. With the desire of the people of Strathcona to have the G. T. P. come in by way of that town we can thoroughly sympathize and believe that it would be in the final interests of both places if it did so. But this doesn't alter the fact that the Chronicle's talk is extremely silly.

General Manager Morse of the G. T. P. spent some days in Edmonton at the first of the week. The newspapermen gained interviews with him. There were a large number of questions asked but the information regarding the company's plans that was gained from him amounted, as was to be expected, to practically nothing. In an unguarded moment, it is true, he admitted that he thought the G. T. P. would have the finest route of any railway on the continent, but that was about all. He is to be here for a large part of his time this summer and anticipates that by August, 1907, he will no longer need to be under compulsion to other railways to have his special train travel between Edmonton and Lake Superior.

James J. Hill has been given a hearty reception in Winnipeg, a banquet at which between six and seven hundred business men were present, being held in his honor. He talked freely and enthusiastically regarding his Canadian plans. In an interview with the Winnipeg Tribune he made an observation which is of particular interest to the people of Northern Alberta. It was supposed in most quarters that he would seek the most direct line from the coast to Winnipeg. This he not so explicitly denied. "We are not so much concerned," he said, "in getting the most direct transcontinental route as in tapping a country prolific in natural resources." He is projecting a road through British Columbia to the Yellowhead Pass and on to Edmonton. In view of this statement it is not likely that this will be the line on which he will concentrate his particular attention. It has ever been his object in railway building to open up fresh country, and here would be an empire of virgin territory ready for his exploitation.

There seems little doubt that two at least of the bandits who held up the C.P.R. train near Kamloops have been captured. One of them has been identified as Bill Miner, a notorious outlaw, who is believed to have been responsible for the robbery of the C.P.R. train at Mission Junction on Sept. 10th, 1904. Fortunately, crimes of this character have been very infrequent in Canada, and the good work done by the officers of the law should tend to discourage it still further. The affair near Kamloops was a dismal failure, owing to the fact that the mail and the express were, contrary to the usual custom, in separate cars. But the Mission hold-up had a different result. The bandits boarded the train either at Mission platform or at a water-tank near by. The express and mail cars were cut off by the robbers and run to a point on the Fraser River about four miles west, where they had a boat waiting to ferry them across the river. From the south bank of the river they headed for the States, with about \$7,000 in gold dust and cash, besides the registered mail, which probably amounted to a thousand

or two as well. The hunt for them has been a vain one up to the present.

The lecture on the metric system given by Dr. J. C. McLennan of the University of Toronto in Robertson's Hall on Tuesday night produced an excellent impression and at its close a resolution was passed with practical unanimity favoring the change advocated by the speaker. Of the tremendous advantages that would accrue from the adoption of the metre, the litre and the gram as our standards there is no doubt whatever and the sooner it comes the better for all concerned.

The Dominion Government which is sending Dr. McLennan through the country, is evidently in earnest in the matter and desires thus to prepare the way for definite action. A great deal, however, will likely depend on the action of Great Britain and the United States. If either of these countries goes over to the metric system, Canada will undoubtedly follow suit, and the prospects are said to be bright for the movement in each of them. A large proportion of the new British House of Commons is already pledged to the change and legislation providing for it is now before Congress. The adoption of the system will save an enormous amount of labor, while international trade will receive a great impetus through the possession of standards common to every country. The government could have secured no better man than Dr. McLennan to bring the system before the Canadian public.

The city council has yielded to the pressure brought to bear on them by east end residents and finally abandoned the idea of putting the isolation hospital on the most suitable and convenient site to be obtained—that alongside the city hospital. The poor unfortunates who are to occupy the building will have to be carted away down under the river bank, somewhere back of the old postoffice. As Ald. Bellamy said when the decision was reached, if it is the intention to kill all the people confined in the building, an excellent site has been chosen. Otherwise it is an extremely ridiculous one.

"An East-End Resident," writing in the Bulletin finds serious fault with what the Saturday News had to say on the subject a week ago. He claims that the erection of what he describes as a "pest house" in their midst would endanger the lives and depreciate the value of the property of east-enders. The very term "isolation," he holds, implies removal from the centre of population. The writer of the letter is under a very serious delusion. The term "isolation" is used in this connection in a purely technical sense. A "pest house," no matter by how many others it is surrounded, can be "isolated" so that there is no danger of disease spreading from it. If there were any peril to the people of the neighborhood in having the new hospital on the city property in the

cast end, the Saturday News would not for a moment advise that they should be exposed to it: "An East End Resident" goes on to say:

"But, sir, the cream of the article is the writer's solicitude for the overworked doctors 'who would lose so much time' were the hospital placed other than in the centre of population. One would suppose the doctors were working for nothing and boarding themselves, or that they attend and make a specialty of attending isolation hospital patients gratis. Then read the harrowing pen picture of the sad condition of the poor patient. Think of a bright, smart, healthy smallpox patient being isolated instead of being located adjacent to a church or public school in order that his 'condition should be made as pleasant as possible,' and so affording others an opportunity to share his enjoyment."

We do not see why the doctors should not be treated with all possible consideration. A competent physician usually finds it difficult to keep up with his work and it is not likely that anyone would be particularly benefited by his being forced to go down and up the steep river bank, whenever it is advisable for him to call upon a patient in the isolation hospital. Nor do we appreciate the sarcastic reference to the "bright, smart, healthy smallpox patient." The writer of the letter may have the misfortune some day to be taken down with the dread disease. Under those circumstances, what would he think of a municipal ordinance which made his period of isolation as unpleasant as possible for him? The accuracy of the statement on this page that the isolation hospital in Montreal is centrally located is challenged. The fact is that the largest and best institution of the kind in Montreal is on Sherbrooke street, just east of St. Denis, in the very heart of the city. The property owners in the neighborhood have not objected. They were assured by those in a position to know that there was no danger from its location on that site and its work has been carried on to the satisfaction of everyone. The Edmonton council should see the folly of its course and reverse its decision.

On the recommendation of the new fire chief, seven permanent firemen have been engaged. Ald. Griesbach protested on Tuesday that this was not a sufficient force, but if the chief wishes to assume responsibility for the protection of the city with this limited number the council would hardly be warranted in adding to those on the department's pay-roll. Mr. Davidson's appointment to the chiefship was made in a very loose and unbusiness-like way but fortune seems to have been kind and it looks as if he will prove a capable official. Up to the present, at least, he has succeeded in inspiring confidence. We must expect, however, to have the brigade cost us a great deal more in the future than under the old volunteer system. Mr. Davidson has recommended among other things the purchase of an aerial ladder to reach the high business blocks, which will come to \$4,000, and the installation of a fire-alarm apparatus at a cost of \$6,000. Both are undoubtedly necessary.

The council has very rightly refused the request of the C. P. R. to close Athabasca and Peace ayes, where these streets cross the company's yards, while agreeing to grade Tenth street from Jasper to Mackenzie. The time is not far distant when these thoroughfares

will be needed and it would be folly to close them up indefinitely simply because we can along without them just at present.

Personal

A. Brick, M.P.P. leaves for his home at Peace River Crossing this week. He is accompanied by two Edmonton young men, Ernest Duffy and Robert Caldwell, who have been attracted to the Peace River country by the stories of its wealth.

Bishop Reeves of Athabasca Landing has been spending some days in Edmonton.

Thomas Kelly, who started out about two weeks ago on his annual trip to the Far North on the H. B. steamer "Graham" had to return on account of illness.

Mrs. Jos. Drader went to Edmonton Thursday for a visit with her daughter and sons who are in school in that city. —Lacombe Advertiser.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hansen, Strathbrooke place, Fort Rouge, left on Saturday for a month's trip to Edmonton, Alberta. —Winnipeg Town Topics.

Dr. Sutherland of Leche was here on Tuesday.

Thomas Graham and J. H. Stevenson came in from Daysland on Monday.

D. R. Ker of Victoria, president of the Brackman - Ker Milling Co. spent the first of the week in Edmonton.

R. P. Inglis has been in Vermilion during the past week.

George Ross, chief postoffice inspector, was in town at the end of last week superintending the transfer to the new postoffice.

Deputy Minister Harcourt, T. B. R. Henderson and J. Mitchell of the Department of Agriculture were in Calgary for the Pat Stock Show.

Rev. D. Jacobs of Emerson, Man., preached at Queen's Avenue Presbyterian church on Sunday.

Ald. and Mrs. McFarlane and children of Strathcona have returned from a lengthy trip to the Western States.

St. Saunders of the Pincher Creek Echo has returned from California. A washout on one of the lines prevented his arriving in San Francisco in time for the earthquake, a fact which as a newspaper man on the lookout for news he deploras but which as an ordinary individual he is inclined to congratulate himself upon.

Mrs. Bowen, mother of Mrs. (Dr.) Crang of Strathcona, who has been visiting her daughter since last August, has returned to her home in Ontario.

A. W. Ponton, Dominion land surveyor, returned to the city last Friday from Lac la Biche.

Miss Mae Doze went to the parental home at Beaver Hills for Arbor Day.

Rev. H. A. Gray went as far as Winnipeg with his mother, who has gone on a visit to New York. He returned on Friday night.

Sheriff Robertson spent last Friday in town, returning from Lloydminster to Edmonton. He appointed Harry Bowtell his deputy at Vermilion. —Vermilion Signal.

W. Rae of the office of McDonald, McKinnon & Cogley performed a sad mission last week when he accompanied the remains of his young child to Vegreville, where interment took place in the new cemetery.

George P. Smith, the Demosthenes of Camrose, was in the city during the week.

R. Hockley has returned from a business trip out the Daysland line of the C.P.R.

Wilfrid Forbes, barrister of Wetaskiwin, has returned from a lengthy visit to his home in Stratford, Ont., much improved in health.

At the English Church Rectory in Strathcona recently the ladies of the congregation presented a clock and an address to Mrs. Hewitt, who with her family is leaving for Lloydminster, where Mr. Hewitt is engaged in the lumber business.

O. M. Biggar of the legal firm of Short, Cross and Biggar, Edmonton, was in town on Saturday last. Mr. Biggar is a young lawyer of ability. He is a son of C. R. W. Biggar, K. C. of Toronto and a grandson of the late Sir Oliver Mowat. —Lethbridge Herald.

Mrs. Leach, A. J. Leach's mother arrived from London England some time ago to live with her son in Edmonton. She will probably live at Warwick during the summer months with her son Fred. —Vegreville Observer.

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The Alberta Farmer

"The committee, having in charge the Red Deer pork packing factory project, complain of a lack of interest. In a statement they have made they claim that the majority of farmers are hanging back, apparently afraid to risk the price of a litter of pigs to help along a project which is solely for their own benefit. Besides notice in the paper the statement reads 'about 16 or 18 men have been canvassing with the result that only a few farmers have signed their name to subscribe for shares and supply hogs. It will not be the fault of either the Committee or the canvassers if this pork packing proposal does not go on but solely of those farmers who are now hanging back and refusing to give their support to the scheme. It was clearly understood by the delegates to Edmonton that the government wanted to know what the farmers themselves would do before they (the government) would move in the matter. This is a very poor showing for the farmers of Red Deer. Innisfail has done much better. It was stated at our meeting that Innisfail farmers had subscribed for \$11,000 worth of stock and many had promised to double their subscription if necessary while we have only about \$2,700 promised. One man at the meeting stated he lost \$500 through the poor prices in one season when he had a number of hogs to sell."

The Creameries have been opened at Vegreville and Wetaskiwin within the last week, the prospects of both of which are said to be excellent. This is the first season of the former. Mr. Curtis is its manager and he is said to have an excellent equipment. H. J. Donnelly is in charge again at Wetaskiwin.

C. E. Fletcher is bringing a carload of horses from the State of Washington to Strathcona.

A. E. Wallis and Victor Johnson were each fined \$50 and costs at High River recently for allowing prairie fires to start on their farms. Mr. Johnson was ploughing he applied a match to some stubble or grass, and while having dinner the fire crept up to the end lands and in no time swept with great force into his neighbour's land, resulting in the destruction of a grainery.

The crop reports received by General Superintendent Jamieson of the C. P. R. are on the whole most favorable. Light rain has fallen in most parts of the province. The exceptions in this respect are Blackfalds and Lacombe. The heaviest rains were in the South around Pincher Creek. The increase in acreage sown is very large. The percentage of increase at the various points reported from is as follows:—Airdrie, 100; Crossfield, 30; Didsbury, 25; Olds, 25; Bowden, 15; Innisfail, 10; Penhold, 25; Red Deer, 20; Blackfalds, 5; Lacombe, 50; Ponoka, 25; Wetaskiwin, 25; Leduc, 20; Strathcona, 20; Okotoks, 15; High River, 100; Nanton, 50; Staveland, 100; Claresholm, 100; Leavings, 40; Taber, 100; McLeod, 25; Pincher, 33; Camrose, 75; Hawley, 50; Daysland, 75; Ales, 100.

Fruit Growing in Alberta.

With a view to stimulating the growing of large fruits in Alberta the Department of Agriculture has issued a circular to persons known to have made a success of growing apples, crabs, plums and cherries. The circular requests information as to the age of the trees planted, the numbers and varieties and particulars as to protection, fruiting, etc.

The Department would also be glad to hear of others in the Province who have been experimenting in this direction and who may not have received the circular. Alberta is the only one of the prairie provinces which has been able to grow large fruits so early in the history of settlement and it is hoped that a hearty response will be given to this attempt to obtain authentic information on such an important subject.

The Department proposes at an early date to begin a series of fruit experiments throughout the Province in order to be able to afford reliable information to settlers as to the settling out of their orchards. The importance of such action can scarcely be over-estimated since it will help to develop a side of farm life that is not yet possible in either Manitoba or Saskatchewan except in specially favored localities.

The prospects for fruit growing becoming general all over Alberta in a very few years may readily be estimated when it is considered that the Dutchess and some other standard apples have been fruited at Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Magrath, Cardston, Red Deer and Edmonton and at most of these points not for one year

only but for a succession of two or three.

The success of the Purebred Stock Show at Calgary was very gratifying. Secretary Peterson is of the opinion that it was the greatest by all odds in the history of the province. There was practically no undesirable stock offered. A larger building is necessary and the city is to be asked to provide one in time for next year. The sales totalled \$18,429, an average of \$107.00 for each animal.

At the meeting of the Cattle Breeders' Association in Hull's Opera House, a resolution was passed strongly endorsing the Alberta government's action in investigating the unsatisfactory condition of the beef market and the possibilities of co-operative effort on the part of the farmers. The dipping question excited a heated discussion. G. Hoadley of Okotoks asserted that the dipping ordinance bore heavily on the small breeder. He thought owners should be directly responsible for their cattle. The president, Mr. Turner, pointed out that cattle which were secured in an enclosure need not be dipped. The executive will deal with the matter.

The officers of the Alberta Farmers' Association took advantage of the exhibition at Calgary to bring the claims of that body before the agriculturalists of the South country. President Warner, Secretary Stevens, Messrs. Sheppard, Daily, Ball and others went down the line for the purpose. At the convention in Alexander Hall various matters of interest to the agricultural community were discussed. It was resolved to appeal to the railway commission against unfair rates charged on branch lines. The government was asked to establish a terminal elevator at the Pacific coast and to make a full classification of Alberta winter wheat. It was decided to have a committee appointed to endeavor to bring about amalgamation with the Society of Equity. It is believed that the Association work in the south will show great progress in the next few months as a result of the gathering.

Innisfail will hold a stock show on July 6th, and a fall fair on October 12th.

The Saskatchewan government has decided to conduct a series of experiments with Turkey red winter wheat, and plots will be sown on twenty-five farms throughout Central Saskatchewan to give it a thorough test. The minister of agriculture is convinced that it will be successful.

The majority of the fields of fall wheat around Nanton have been re-seeded with oats.

Okotoks had a successful stallion show on May 4th.

J. Roy is taking a carload of horses from Gleichen into the Peace River country.

Personal

A letter received from Rev. G. W. Kerby of Calgary by Rev. C. W. Bishop gives details of his rapid recovery from his recent operation. The doctors attribute his rapid progress largely to his strong constitution. His physicians also report that Mr. Kerby will be better and stronger than ever. Mr. and Mrs. Kerby left Toronto for Calgary May 14.

Mrs. James Mitchell of Medicine Hat has been visiting in Edmonton.

Richard Hewitt, who has for over eight years been with A. McLean & Co., hardware dealers, Strathcona, has gone to Lloydminster to engage in the lumber business with his father.

The death of Mrs. Irwin, wife of Inspector Irwin of the Mounted Police, at Cardston recently occurred under very sad circumstances. Mrs. Irwin, who had been nursing her husband through a severe attack of pneumonia, contracted the disease and, being in a weakened state, succumbed to it after a few days' illness.

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City Hall, Edmonton, April 11th 1906.

D. M. McMILLAN,

Assessor.

NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that all Municipal Licenses for the year 1906-7 are due and payable on or before the 1st day of June proximo and all parties liable for license who neglect paying the required fees will be subject to the penalties of the By-Law after that date.

Notice is also given that Dog Taxes for the ensuing year are now due and payable on or before the 31st day of May in each year. After that date the tax is doubled and the owners or harbourers of untaxed dogs are liable to the penalties of the By-Law.

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Last week I referred to the great gathering at the Marathon road race and said that it rivalled the crowds at the big British football matches. Mr. Ernest Brown sends me a clipping which indicates that 35,000 is a small number compared with the attendance at some recent games in England. At Manchester on April 22 Everton defeated Newcastle United by 1 to 0 before 100,000 people. In 1901 the finals between Tottenham H. and Sheffield U. brought out 110,820. Last year Aston Villa played Newcastle U. before a crowd of 101,117. The gate receipts in this last game came to over \$23,000 in our money, a sum sufficient to keep probably all the summer sports going in Alberta for a whole season.

Dr. W. G. Grace, the G. O. M. of the cricket world, has taken to bowling and is coming to Canada this season with the team of British bowlers. Some steps should be taken to honor him. He will always stand out as one of the greatest figures in the history of athletics.

The blue ribbon event of the Canadian turf, the King's Plate, is being run in Toronto on Saturday of this week. The field will be a small one, one half of the horses originally entered having been scratched. It is not likely that more than two will carry the colors of the Seagram string. They will be Forty Winks and Slaughter. The others have not done any work to warrant their being left in. Slaughter is by far the best of the lot, and it is on him that Mr. Seagram will have to depend. Camie Hand, from the Dymont string, has already been declared fit, owing to sickness. Sword Dance is the only one likely to carry the Hendrie colors. This one has turned out to be the best of the Hendrie entry. The race looks to be between four horses, Hillurst, Slaughter, Wicklight and Courtmartial. Hillurst is a Boyley horse from Woodstock, Courtmartial is the pick of Mr. Dymont's bunch and Wicklight is from the Kirkfield stable, owned by MacKenzie Bros. The friends of the latter in Edmonton will be delighted if Wicklight justifies the hopes of its owners.

Arbor Day was taken full advantage of by the various clubs and the crowds at the two games thoroughly enjoyed the contests. In the afternoon Strathcona won at football by 3 to 2 and in the evening the defeat was wiped out by a lacrosse victory, in which the score stood 1-0 against the boys from across the river. All four teams were very evenly matched and it is evident that Edmonton and Strathcona can furnish as good exhibitions of summer as well as winter sports to make it unnecessary for either team to travel long distances for the purpose of finding foemen worthy of their steel. At Wetaskiwin the baseball players more than justified the high opinions that the fans have formed of them by winning out against the home team by 7 runs to 1.

S. H. Kelsey, one of the stalwarts of the football team, left this town on a surveying trip north of Prince Albert. He will be away at least a year. In him the town loses a first-class all-round athlete.

The Vermilion Signal says: C. G. Graham left on yesterday's train for Edmonton, where he will engage in the real estate business and, incidentally, handle a stick for the capital team of lacrosse players.

Calgary cricketers defeated Okotoks on Saturday. The winners made 151 in three single innings, Doughty contributing 35. Okotoks' first venture resulted in 129 runs, G. H. Noton making top score with 47. They followed on and made 45 for six wickets.

The world's record high run 18 inch ball 1 in billiards has been broken by Will C. Hoppe who sets a new mark of 307. The former record was held by Louis Cure 255. Hoppe made the record run in his game with Jake Schaefer, defeating him in eight innings, 500 to 133.

COVER POINT.

"The Grill" is the name of the new cafe opened recently by Mr. T. Myers on First Street, south of the Windsor Hotel. An all night service, which The Grill runs, is a new thing in Edmonton, and will no doubt be much appreciated.

About Town.

The receipts at the customs office during April were \$12,683.44. For the same month last year they came to \$6,735.01.

School has been opened in the building on Syndicate avenue, rented by the School Board. Miss Swarbrick and Miss McCaulay are in charge.

The Northern Bank is open on Saturday evenings for the convenience of customers.

Steps are now being taken to put the Canadian Northern road bed in first-class condition, and steam shovels and extra section gangs have been put on between Maidstone and Edmonton for this purpose, and it is the intention of the company to have this work completed as quickly as possible.

Among those who started out with the G. T. P. party which visited Edmonton this week was Mr. Tait of Montreal, who sustained a painful accident in Winnipeg. While driving around the city, the party's vehicle collided with an automobile. A spill occurred, and Mr. Tait's injuries included a broken nose and badly cut face and a number of painful bruises.

The Braemar Social Circle will hold a picnic at Sandy Lake on Victoria Day.

The St. James' Hotel, near the C.N.R. station, on First Street, opened for business on Monday. Messrs. Mahoney & Bertrand have a completely up-to-date establishment.

J. B. Lubbock has sold out his undertaking business to R. G. Bull.

B. Horspool, Marig street, was bereaved on Sunday by the death of his six-year-old son, Kenneth.

Forty tons of coal is being turned out daily from the mine at Strathcona. An order for from 250 to 300 tons daily was recently received from the South country. A larger equipment is needed before it can be filled.

An extensive programme of sports has been planned for the 24th May in Fort Saskatchewan.

A Boys' Brigade has been formed at St. Joachim's Church.

McDougall & Secord will erect a brick building on the site now occupied by the Capital Barber Shop, and adjoining vacant stores. R. B. Cronin will move his restaurant there, while W. C. Pratt will occupy the remainder of the ground floor.

Secretary-Treasurer Kinnaird of the city gives notice in the advertising columns of this issue regarding the payment of municipal license fees, which are due, on or before the 1st of June. Dog taxes are payable on or before the 31st of May.

The Fraser mill is now cutting from 40,000 to 50,000 feet of lumber a day.

Farmers in the direction of Clover Bar have started a fund for the purpose of grading the Dowler road down to the Saskatchewan bridge. By the expenditure of something like \$3000, they claim the grade of 17 per cent can be cut down to one of eight and the road made an excellent highway. Seventy-five farmers have already contributed and funds will be solicited in Edmonton.

Dr. C.E. Carthew of South Qu'Appelle has located at White Whale Lake, where he has three quarter sections. Dr. Carthew will take out a gasoline launch for use on the lake. Before leaving South Qu'Appelle the Dr. was banquetted at the Leland Hotel, having been a resident of that town since 1881.

West end residents and others find W. A. Hazlett's Grocery Store, cor. Jasper ave. and 8th street, a great convenience. A splendid line of fresh standard goods is carried in stock.

The C.N.R. has intimated its willingness to contribute to the funds of the provincial exhibition.

Rev. James Grant of Collingwood is supplying the pulpit of Rev. A. MacDonald, while the latter takes a three months' vacation in Ontario.

Wm. Burness of Strathcona is in the public hospital suffering from a bullet wound in the leg, received while he and some companions were using a revolver carelessly on their way to McDougall's timber drive up the river.

The latest automobile in town is the Russell car, the property of J. I. Mills. Mr. Mills got this handsome motor from Winnipeg, to replace his run-about which he sold to Finch & Morton of the Pen-dennis Hotel.

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The fires which were raging west last week destroyed many millions of feet of lumber near Red Deer and a camp the property of the Great West Lumber Company.

The Wagar Farm of 560 acres, 8 miles north east of Vegreville, has been sold for \$6,500.

J. Kirkpatrick, formerly C.P.R. agent at Lethbridge, has been appointed postmaster at Chipman.

The C. N. R. will donate ten acres of land for a race-track at Vermilion.

George Shorthouse was killed in one of the mines at Tabor last Thursday.

The following item appears in the Wetaskiwin Post of last week:

BORN

Wetaskiwin—In the House of Parliament, Edmonton, to the Province of Alberta, a new city, Wetaskiwin.

A bear made an attack on the pig-pen of B. Pigot near Leduc and had badly lacerated a 200 pound porker before its owner arrived and drove the marauder off.

Twenty-nine prairie fires occurred in Calgary district during April and in twenty-seven cases the mounted police secured convictions, an average fine of \$40 being imposed.

The Blindman River Company of Red Deer will install a power and light plant in Lacombe for the corporation.

A mail service has been commenced on the C. P. R. line running east of Lacombe.



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RANDOM REMINISCENCES OF AN OLD TIMER

BY CHARLES LEWIS SHAW

ARTICLE No. V

"Tomorrow comes and we are
where?
Then let us live to-day."

—Schiller.
With all the weary waiting,
with all the hope deferred that
maketh the heart sick there was an
attractiveness about the social life
of Edmonton a couple of decades
ago or why do the old timers cling
to the associations, the customs of
other days in the booming, throbbing
present?

Why do successful men like
Kenny McLeod, Charlie Ross,
Jack Looby and half a dozen others
who have borne the heat and burden
of the days of long ago steal an
occasional hour from the present
to foregather in the seclusion of
the lower smoking room of the Al-
berta Hotel and in the intervals of
Pedro and Seven-up exchange
ideas, stories and gossip limited
only by the Blind Man and the
Arctic Circle.

Small wonder that Donald Ross
wanders up almost daily from be-
low the hill, that Fraser Tims joins
the group, that Ronald Chisholm,
Fred Ross and Jack Smith occa-
sionally take a hand, for through
the darkness of the gloomy room
old forms, old faces, old memories
come crowding in the faint light
that seems a reflection of the bright
glitter of the fire-place in the sit-
ting room of the old Edmonton
House of long ago.

For there was a charm about the
old life impossible to describe, a de-
lightful communism, a neighborli-
ness that faded with Edmonton's
formal incorporation and expired
when it became a Provincial capital
and its chief citizen has to be
referred to as His Honor, the
Lieutenant Governor instead of
Big Bill Bulyea.

Times are changed since Dan
Noyes felt a personal slight if you
didn't pause at his stopping place
on the Big Lake Road midway be-
tween Edmonton and St. Albert
for a few minutes. Times have in-
deed changed since much of the
youth and beauty of both settle-
ments assembled at dances at his
place, nor was the jollity of the oc-
casions interfered with by the im-
material fact that one third of the
crowd only understood English,
one third French and the other
third Cree. We all understood
the language of Larry Gougeon's
or Jim McMunn's fiddle and the
universal language of bright, black
eyes, and we got along nicely.

The memory of those dances,
those poker-games and the bottle
of moonshine that the resourceful
Daniel never permitted to grow
empty if water was within walking
distance, will cling to many of us
old timers longer possibly than the
recollections of the civic receptions
and the gubernatorial banquets of
later years. And the race home
afterwards in the glorious western
sunrise with the cool northern
breezes cooling the fever in our
veins! What did any of us reck-
in the care free vigor of thought-
less, healthful youth?

In the slowness of Western Can-
adian progress at that time "to-
day" seemed long and "to-mor-
row" was indefinitely afar off.

✕ I wonder if Antonio Prince* in
the safety of a government position
will ever forget the vicissitudes of
our practise of law in the early
days when lawyer's fees were liqui-
dated by payment in kind, in cash
or in hope. Will he ever forget
the day following the payment by
Beaupre of Fort Saskatchewan of a
side of lamb which was hung up in
the old office lean-to and after-
wards voraciously and surreptiti-
ously consumed by the husky
dogs of his visiting cousin Emile
Richard, known throughout the
north as "Buffalo"? I know I
will never forget the vigorous Gal-
lic reproach of my old partner.

"Your Sacre dogs, Buffalo, have
eaten up a whole bill of costs of
ours".

And the complacent answer of
Buffalo:

"O! Dose dogs of mine will eat
anything. Dey ate a whole horse's
harness the other day" ✕

○ Even in those wayward days of
early manhood it was borne in up-
on me how little after all even the
shrewdest, wisest and best in-
formed of ministers who in a thesis
or a sermon essay to eliminate origi-
nal sin or set straight the quirks
of human nature, know of the
true inwardness of man.

"You have not enough in you"
roared Rev. Mr. McQueen with
ministerial and Presbyterian earn-
estness who was skipping a rink in
which I had the privilege of play-
ing lead when a stone 'hugged,'
one day, during the first curling
season in the history of the North
Saskatchewan. And the wooded
heights of the south shore echoed
mournfully back:

"You have not enough in you."

There was. There was too
much. But even clergymen who
are authorities on temperance are
not expected to diagnose the effects
of one lot of Beef, Iron & Wine,
another of Pain Killer, a dash of
Jamaica Ginger, a horn of Quine-
and wine, a glass of Hudson
Bay rum and a pint of Hop-beer.
They are not expected to be able
to understand the result of the
combination off-hand, but Mr. Mc-
Queen should have known that he
was a little bit mistaken even be-
fore the next stone attempted to
climb up the high cut bank of the
Saskatchewan.

Presbyterian ministers even in
their beginning are hardly expect-
ed to understand that the day was
a long one in the great Lone Land
of the past and varied were the
remedies sought for its shortening.

✕ If it were not for the saving
sense of humor indigenous to the
west many of us would have gone
mad, for despite the charm of the
frontier, the spirit of comradeship
and our various pursuits the iso-
lation to many became uncon-
sciously almost overwhelming in

its mental and moral effects.
Much of the dissipation, the wild
orgies and the prolonged debauches
among the single men that are tra-
ditional with early Western Can-
adian life may be ascribed to that
isolation which was repellent to
the inherited instincts of our race.
We sought greedily for the humor
of things in any form as an anti-
dote.

When the late W. B. Scarth M.
P. for Winnipeg and afterwards
Deputy Minister of Agriculture
and several other nabobs from the
East spent a night at the Edmon-
ton House, each of the party de-
manded a separate room which ne-
cessitated a shake-down for Mr.
Scarth on the only billiard table in
the house.

"What do you mean, landlord?"
said Mr. Scarth when his bill was
presented to him as the party was
about to depart next day: "What
on earth do you mean? \$5 for my
bed alone for one night. What a
remarkable charge even in the Far
West."

"You had the billiard table
hadn't you Mr. Scarth?" asked
Donald Ross quietly.

"Yes. Well, what of that. It
was deucedly uncomfortable."

"Well, you know our rates are
fifty cents an hour," and Mr. Ross
with a humorous twinkle in his
eye pointed to the printed rules
and regulations of his one tabled
billiard room, and the roar of
laughter that followed was one of
the many that broke the monotony
of a life lived a couple of hundred
miles from a railroad. ✕

Even Aleck Taylor, now Post-
master of Edmonton and in the
early days a decorous clerk of the
High Court as well as a Presby-
terian Elder, occasionally lapsed
into humor despite his official and
ecclesiastical handicaps. Everyone
who is fortunate enough to know
Mr. Taylor cannot help but be
aware that his peculiar pet fad is
electricity. If he hadn't formed
the habit, as a native of the city of
Ottawa, of accepting offices under
the Government he probably
would have become a distinguished
electrician. This is one of his
hitherto unpublished experiments
in electricity.

Some big Indian chief from
somewhere or other on the Atha-
basca, the foot-hills or the Battle
River, his stamping ground is a
matter of indifference, came into
Fort Edmonton to trade.

Now this big chief was a very
big man in his own bailiwick and
had a haughty contempt for the
Moonias, for the white man gener-
ally, for his ways and his power,
for his civilization and for his reli-
gion. He was quite a medicine
man in a small way and had listen-
ed with scorn to the tales of the
Biblical miracles. He played the
miracle game himself in his own
aboriginal manner, and he would
smile sceptically.

After finishing his trading in the
old Hudson Bay store he squatted
in Mr. Hardisty's office in the Fort
and puffed Knick-a-Knick until
Becher and Michael were hanging
out of the windows gasping for
breath. Even Jock Kinnaird,
tough, seasoned and hardened Jock
Kinnaird with a Scotch stomach
and Scotch patience rebelled. Mr.
Hardisty was absent and the chief
was an important and sensitively
proud customer even if his Knick-
a-Knick made the pages of the

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The Saturday News was first issued on December 23, 1905.

The following is a statement of its bona-fide circulation:

Week of April 21—	1010 copies
" 28—	1012 "
" May 5—	1035 "
" 12—	1085 "

Note and Comment

(Continued from page 1).

Edmonton has a new postmaster in Mr. Alex. May. The appointment is a most popular one. Mr. May is a man of ability and energy and should be able to give the people the service that they have a right to expect. He has been an active Liberal and from the standpoint of party service no one better deserved the post. As an election organizer he had few peers and if he marshals the post office forces half as successfully as he did the stalwarts of his party last fall, no one can find fault with him.

Mr. W. F. Maclean, through his paper, the Toronto World, says that Hon. Frank Oliver is a failure at the head of his department. He is described as a terror to his friends and a source of comfort to his opponents.

"Oliver is, by nature and practice," the World continues, "a broncho of bronchos. He kicks at the wrong time, and bucks when he ought to be patient and long-suffering. He has a wonderful facility in misrepresenting quality, tone and temper of Western Canada. The signs are not wanting that the West chafes at the situation where it is nominally led by the Minister of the Interior. There is no proof that Oliver enjoys the confidence of Western Liberals. It would be refreshing to discover proof that the Conservatives of the prairies are wide awake to the possibility which the Oliver regime opens up to them."

But, are not "the Conservatives of the prairies" in a trifle better position to realize what the possibilities of the situation are than is Mr. Maclean? We know that the latter would not admit that this is correct. But his estimate of himself and that which the Dominion and the Conservative party in particular have formed are entirely different. Mr. Oliver may congratulate himself on being made the subject of the World's attack. The man whom his party colleagues have during the past week been describing as a "political Indian" and who has shown himself the most irresponsible and untrustworthy figure who he has ever occupied a prominent place in the public life of the country, can do no harm to anyone by his criticism. To win unfavorable attention from such a

self-advertising firebrand as the editor of the World is an honor of which the Minister of the Interior may well be proud.

Sir Henry Joly has retired from the lieutenant-governorship of British Columbia, his successor being Mr. James Dunsmuir, a former premier of the province and the head of the great coal-mining company bearing his name. Sir Henry's term of office should silence those who claim that under our constitution, the lieutenant-governor can be never anything more than a figurehead. That description applies to him when everything is running smoothly, but when this is not the case, a man of ability in the position is absolutely essential. Like the governor-general and the sovereign himself, he is a great force in reserve. Incompetent lieutenant-governors have mixed things up pretty badly at several stages in our history. Sir Henry had a long legislative experience when he was sent to Victoria, had been premier of Quebec and a member of the Dominion cabinet. Politics in British Columbia were in a state of chaos and it was realized that a strong man was necessary to restore order. His influence was speedily felt and the province's constitutional machinery has been running very smoothly for some years past. He was very popular with all classes of citizens and it is likely that after a short visit east he will return to the coast to spend the rest of his days there. His term expired some months ago. This was also the case with Sir Daniel McMillan, the occupant of Government House, Winnipeg, who has been reappointed for another five years.

In the Manitoba capital it was generally assumed that he would be succeeded by Chief Justice Dubuc, father of Lucien Dubuc of this city. But the wisecracks were all astray.

John Sharp Williams, the Democratic leader in the House of Representatives, while speaking against high tariff the other day, was asked if he was not in favor of a protective tariff on cotton. As he is a cotton planter, it was thought that this would be a poser. His instant reply was: "Why should I want to rob carpenters and bricklayers and blacksmiths by making them pay an artificial price for my cotton?" Mr. Williams is a sincere man. His whole record shows this. But how many men are there in public life who are seeking simply to advance the general interests without consideration of what the effect of certain policies will be upon their own material position. We shall never have equitable fiscal arrangements till we have many more public men of the type of the Democratic leader than we have in politics at present.

C. M. Tait, photographer, has moved into his new well-appointed studio on Jasper next door west of the Edmonton News Co.

G. G. Mann, the Indian agent and postmaster at Saddle Lake, who is a frequent visitor to Edmonton, has been transferred to Hobbema. His successor is John Beatty, formerly farm instructor at Saddle Lake.

Miss Josie Bagnall of Medicine Hat has entered on a course of training at the public hospital.

RANDOM REMINISCENCES

(Continued from page 5)

ledgers of the Hudson Bay Company turn yellow as well as the apprenticed clerks.

The fetid fumes from the ceaseless pipe of the red chief at last became overwhelming and there was imminent danger of war being declared between the Gentleman Adventurer trading into Hudson Bay in charge of Fort Edmonton and the leading chieftain of a large body of fur-producing Cree Indians and the peaceful relations of a century might have been disturbed, when an idea struck Mr. Kinnaird. Now ideas frequently struck Mr. Kinnaird but they were generally ideas you could jot down on the credit or debit side of a ledger, or they were ideas on the Westminster Confession of Faith or on the Shorter Catechism but this idea was a humorous one. Despite Sydney Smith's doctrine to the contrary as to Scotchmen, no surgical operation was necessary.

It was at the time when Aleck Taylor introduced the telephone into Edmonton and the first line was between Mr. Taylor's office and the Hudson Bay Fort and had just been completed.

Mr. Kinnaird called up Mr. Taylor on the telephone and in lucid Scots-English explained the situation. The smoking Indian couldn't even understand English and he smoked on while Becher and Michael kept on gassing.

"Oh! you have a man that can talk Cree in the office, have you Mr. Taylor?" said Mr. Kinnaird at the telephone. "Well turn him loose on a big Indian, with a message on the telephone from the Happy Hunting Grounds or the Great Spirit that will make him hit the trail for his Reserve, for he's smoking us to death like badgers in a hole. I'll get him on the line in a minute."

Two minutes afterwards there was a resonant "Waugh! waugh!" from the trembling lips of the startled Indian and the receiver fell against the wall with a crash as with distended, protruding eyes the war-like sceptical Cree rushed for the Saskatchewan to place the river between him and the Evil Spirit.

The old chief was in a mood to believe anything just then and if Jock Kinnaird had been a good runner and had overtaken him he could have made him believe the Westminster Confession in five minutes without the aid of an interpreter and Becher had equal chances with the Thirty Nine Articles of Anglicanism. For the Chief was in a mood that would believe anything just then.

*Ed. — Since this article was written Mr. Prince has died.

Two gentlemen, Messrs. Lunan and McCormack, are now in Wetaskiwin with a view to starting a pressed cement brick yard. They desire to have an acre of land granted them.

Vegreville is now discussing a number of projects. The establishment of a brick-yard, a hospital and a park is contemplated. The erection of the hospital is being undertaken by the Home Mission Society of the Presbyterian Church.

The overseer of Vegreville reports the population of that town as 458.

The proposed banquet to be tendered the Cabinet Ministers and members of the Legislature of Alberta in Wetaskiwin on the inception of the city charter has been postponed until Tuesday, June 6th. In the meantime the Mayor will call a meeting of the citizens, committees will be appointed and a celebration in keeping with the auspicious event will be prepared.



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Here and There

The landscape is certainly improved by the disappearance of the "Big House" at the foot of Eighth street. The old factor's house had been a ruin for some years and very far from a picturesque one. It was the second building erected here outside the walls of Fort Edmonton, the first being the Methodist Mission and as the residence of the late Senator Hardisty occupied a big place in the life of the community in the early days. The first report was that the fort itself was on fire. This would have been a great misfortune. It is in excellent state of preservation and it is to be hoped that with the city's progress it will not be interfered with. Edmonton has had a most romantic history and such a link with the olden time will be more and more prized as the years go by. Winnipeg has only saved the gateway of Fort Garry but it has surrounded it with a park. In Toronto there has been a hard fight to keep the Old Fort from disappearing before the march of commercialism, but it promises to be a successful one. In a country like this there is not half enough of the sentiment which movements like these typify.

"An Englishman," whose interest was aroused by the discussion which has been going on in this column regarding the need of making the Y. M. C. A. which it is proposed to establish in Edmonton, a really attractive place for young men, sends a timely letter. He declares that there is more drinking done in Canadian towns and cities than in those of Great Britain and that the reason is that the amusements provided for the people here are so few that when they seek one another's company, they invariably adjourn to the nearest saloon.

"What are needed," he writes "are social clubs for men, such as the Tee-to-Tum clubs in various parts of London, where, for a membership fee of 20 cents per month, you have the free use of reading and writing rooms, lending library, gymnasium, baths, cycle track and tennis courts. Billiards at 6c for 50 up. Free use of chess, domino and draught boards, also cards. Dramatic performances (both amateur and professional) and concerts are provided three times weekly at 5c admission to members and their friends. Free sacred concerts are provided on Sunday. During the winter dances and balls held weekly at 25 cents single ticket, 30 cents double. Refreshments of a non-alcoholic nature, pastry, etc., are provided at minimum prices the year round. These, Mr. Lounger, are the kind of places that do more good to the rising generation than all the preaching ever did."

If the Y. M. C. A. should imitate these Tee-to-Tum clubs, my correspondent thinks, it would be of the greatest benefit to the community. There is no doubt about that. It is a pity that the directorate couldn't carry out such a liberal, sensible programme and I venture to say that in a few years we shall see it attempted. But we have to recognize that there is a great mass of narrow prejudice to get over and that it is not the easiest thing in the world to overcome it except by slow degrees. The projectors of the Edmonton association have already stated their intention of allowing smoking and billiards at the rooms. That is a great advance, as those who have had experience with the constant prayer-meeting atmosphere surrounding eastern associations well know. It would be a great advantage to have cards and theatrical performances as well and they will

come in good time but we can hardly blame the directors for not going to that length all at once. I am thoroughly convinced, however, that the hope of the Y. M. C. A. movement lies in development along the lines suggested by our friend from across the water.

A letter from Canrose signed "J. A. Patterson" appeared in last week's Wetaskiwin Post. The writer acted as correspondent for the paper in question and some trouble arose. "If you don't apologize," he says in the letter, "should you ever come to Canrose and put your nose through my doorway, I will be inclined to give you cause to wish you had died when you were a little fellow." To which the valiant editor replies: "Doubtless our former correspondent considers himself a rather weighty portion of the globe, and possibly imagines that his spluttering will be mistaken for that of another volcano—there's sulphur enough about it but it will cause no earthquake. In our opinion at least, he is a very small potato."

But the editor is not likely to go to Canrose and the former correspondent, it will be noted, hasn't even threatened to come into Wetaskiwin, so the prospect for an actual encounter are not much better than when the heavy-weight pugilists begin to talk about what they are ready to do to one another. If they do mean business, however, the Lounger hopes his brothers of the press will invite him down, if not to referee, at least to witness the scrap.

Of all the mysterious holidays we are called upon to observe, Arbor Day stands in a class by itself. We are told that it is for the purpose of enabling our citizens to plant trees. But did anyone hear of a tree being planted last Friday? Coming so close to Victoria Day and at a very busy season it is an unmitigated nuisance and the sooner it is done away with, the better. But there is not much hope that it will disappear. Once a holiday is instituted, it is the most difficult thing to abolish it.

Witte has resigned the Russian premiership. It's a great pity. He may not have accomplished much but we can at least pronounce his name.

The Albany Times-Union says: A girl was killed by a train in Omaha while she was singing "Hello, Central, Give Me Heaven." While we have all ways had our own idea about what should be done to a girl singing that song, still the engineer went a little too far.

"That eminently respectable journal, the Presbyterian Standard, remarked in one of its recent issues that a certain gentleman had been 'fumigating his garments.'" It now hastens to explain that the copy as it went to the printer read "fuminating his arguments."

A Portland, Oregon, newspaper says: "Mrs. D. J. McAlpine, whose husband is one of Great Britain's money kings, Scotland's best known capitalist, and the originator of the world famed Garden cities, created the sensation of the season soon after she arrived at the Portland hotel from San Francisco, by calmly puffing a dainty Turkish cigarette with her husband in the hotel lobby. Men stared astonished and women looked agast, but pretty Mrs. McAlpine was sublimely indifferent to the consternation she was creating. She smoked her cigarette till it was half-burned and then threw the remainder on the floor. A travelling man picked it up for a souvenir."

"Britain has the reputation of being a very conservative country but there is no doubt that in the liberties taken by womenfolk there, it is much more advanced than either Canada or the United States."

The first witness called in a recent petty lawsuit in Cincinnati was an Irishman, of whose competence as a witness opposing counsel entertained doubt. At their instance there was put to him, before being sworn, the usual interrogatory, "Do you know the nature of an oath?"

A broad grin spread over the face of the Irishman as he replied:—"Indeed, your Honor, I may say that is second nature with me."

"What would the nation be without women?" frantically asks a magazine writer. That's easy. Stag nation.

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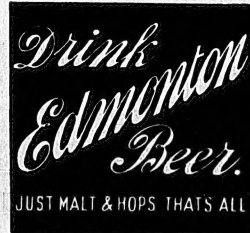
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Vermilion will take steps to become incorporated as a town.

Fire broke out in the office of the Brunswick. Vermilion's new hotel, last week and did damage estimated at from \$600 to \$800. The building had a close shave.

W. A. Ross' new hotel has been opened up at Mannville.

Teuders are being asked for the new Presbyterian church at Vermilion.

Wm. Middleitch has offered to establish a saw and door factory in High River and employ 20 hands nine months out of the year, if the municipality will guarantee his bonds.

P. L. Crawford was thrown from his horse in Medicine Hat last week and rendered unconscious but his injuries have not proven serious.

W. P. H. Thompson of Edmonton has bought out Price and Finch, general merchants, Vermilion.

Iron and gold-bearing quartz are said to have been found on the Milk River. Lethbridge parties have secured mining rights.

Conductor Horner of the Wetaskiwin-Daysland branch of the C. P. R. has been transferred to Medicine Hat. He was a very popular official.

F. B. Linden of Wetaskiwin is taking steps to reorganize the rifle association in that town.

Our Clubbing Offers

The Saturday News has a standing arrangement with other publication which allows its readers the opportunities to secure a very large amount of excellent reading matter at a small cost. Here are our offers:

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The Mirror

Why?

(The Century.)

Why, muvver, why
Did God pin the stars so tight in the sky?
Why did the cow jump right over the
moon?

An' why did the dish run away with
the spoon?
'Cause didn't he like it to see the cow fly?

Why, muvver, why?
Can't little boys jump to the moon if they
try?

An' why can't they swim just like fishes
an' fins?
An' why does the live little birdies have
wings?

An' live little boys have to wait till they
die?

Why, muvver, why?

Why muvver, why
Was all of vose blackbirds all baked in a
pie?

Why couldn't we have one if I should
say "Please"?

An' why does it worry when little boys
tease?

An' why can't fings never be now—but
bime-by?

Why, muvver, why?

Why, muvver, why
Does little boys fronts always achie when
they cry?

An' why does it stop when they're
cuddled up close?

An' what does the sandman do days,
do you s'pose?

An' why do you fink he'll be soon comin'
by?

Why, muvver, why?

From the time a little child
learns how to express his or her
ideas, he or she becomes what can
be best described as a human inter-
rogatory point. Life is so wonder-
ful, there is so much to be explain-
ed, and how may a wee boy know
about things if he doesn't ask?
And so from early morning until
you are called back for a last ques-
tion after the lights are out, the
baby mind asks the eternal "why?"
Sometimes the queries are easy of
explanation. Oft times you are
too weary in body and mind to
take the pains to answer, and again
the faltering tongue lisps "a verit-
able facer."

I have had many such levelled
at me in my time, questions I
would give a good deal to be able
to solve, but which were answered
in my baby days as I must reply
now, with an "I don't know," and
an explosion of laughter. Oh the
wisdom and delicate fancies of
these babes, is it not enough to
confound the saints themselves?
Parents and guardians have a very
grave duty to perform when little
minds commence to hurl their
"whys" and "whys." So much
depends on a wise answer, incalcul-
ably more than we can at present
realize, that we may be sure that it
is very well worth while being pa-
tient and thoughtful in dealing
with them. A few squelchings
and a child ceases to ask, and when
this comes about you are indeed
lost. As long as life lasts, you and
I, children of a larger growth,
persistently breathe forth the eter-
nal question, and this after we
have learned to know many, many
things. Then what can you expect
of a little child beginning the jour-
ney?

In one of the contemporary mag-
azines, an Englishman living in
Canada and signing himself "Can-
adensis" has this to say regarding
the country of his adoption:

"In Canada there exists some subtle
charm which strongly attracts the old-
country man. It appeals to many as
the most attractive of all the colonies, as it
is the nearest. Its climate and natural fea-
tures most nearly resemble those of Great
Britain. Its huge forests, great lakes
and noble rivers, its rolling prairies and

najestic mountains, lend to it a flavor of
romance. Most Englishmen when they
know it well, love it well."

He goes on to say that he has a farm
within six miles of a city with 40,000 in-
habitants and proceeds to depict the joys
of his life thereon.

"One can keep a pair of beagles for
hare hunting," he says, "a fox-hound
for running wild cat, a pointer for warm
weather shooting, and a setter for the
late fall. I have also a working horse
and a roaster, a couple of cows, a few
hives of bees, and a poultry yard. I
grow all my own hay, besides lots of gar-
den stuff, the surplus of which goes to
pay my grocer's bill. My farm cost £350.
I pay a man and his wife £40 a year to
look after me, and they make me exceed-
ingly comfortable. For plowing and
haying I hire extra help. I spend one
or two days out of each week in the city,
and can thus look over all the English
periodicals at the club, and keep in touch
with my friends, who often pay me a vis-
it, and sometimes profess to envy me.
One intimate friend spends each week-
end at the farm. Out of my £800, after
meeting all expenses, I have sufficient
left for a little travel each year. Farm-
ing, gardening, studying and writing fill
up my vacant hours so that I can wel-
come equally foul weather or fair."

From which you see that where-
as there are not a few discontented
Englishmen in Canada, there are
too, some splendid fellows who are
anxious and willing to do it full
justice.

Around Guelph, my old home,
some of the most prosperous and
successful farmers are Englishmen.
The same holds true of Oxford
county. In fact go where you will
in Canada there you will find our
cousin from over the water, work-
ing shoulder to shoulder for the
betterment of himself and the coun-
try at large. As time passes and
a better understanding comes about,
Englishmen will learn that we are
not a nation of bores eager for a
chance to trample on John Bull's
toes, and we on our part will real-
ize that a checked suit and a mono-
cle do not necessarily constitute a
fool.

Do you ever run out of ideas?
Have you ever sat for hours at a
stretch with pencil in hand endeavor-
ing to capture some new fancy
or re-dress an old one in raiment
so new that it will make a new ap-
peal? If not you have never been
a journalist or a writer, and do not
know the despair that often pos-
sesses such, when the unceasing,
greedy cry for copy, keeps dinning
in one's ears.

This week I did a deal of read-
ing, hoping it might suggest some-
thing that would prove of interest
to the readers of this column, but
nothing came of it. I was in de-
spair when my eye caught sight
of that fascinating magazine, "The
Ladies Home Journal." Eureka!
here to hand lay a veritable treas-
ure-trove of ideas, prize-winningly
new. If you have nothing pres-
sing to attend to, will you not ac-
company me through its mazes and
learn what constitutes bright-
ness in an up-to-date magazine.

Turning to the page of announce-
ments I see that Nordica has awar-
ded the three cash prizes in her
competition for the three best con-
structed and most melodious songs
by American composers. I am in-
formed in addition that all these
songs appear in the issue in hand.
Surely here we have a treat in
store! Further on I note that
Mr. Bok's insatiable appetite for
college-girl pranks is still unsatis-
fied and that he is prepared to offer
\$210 to any five girls who will tell
him what naughtiness they indulg-
ed in "at college." I wish I had
the time to spare to impart a little
information I have on the subject,
but some day when business is
slack for both of us, we'll have a

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surely ought to surfeit even Mr.
Bok.

On the next page someone asks
"Just what are palindromes?"
And the answer is—"words or sen-
tences that read the same backward
or forward, of which the following
is a clever example." "Was it a
cat I saw." Oh but don't bother
reading it forward, time presses and
it doesn't (like a great many other
sure puzzles) work out.

"That reminds me" or someone
that at a dinner-party the coach-
man was called upon in an emer-
gency to assist in waiting upon the
guests, among whom was a very
deaf old lady. The coachman, in
passing the vegetables, comes to
the deaf lady.

"Peas, mum?" says Jehu..

No answer.

"Peas, mum?" (louder).

Still there was no answer from
the old lady, who at this moment
lifts her ear-trumpet interrogative-
ly toward the man.

Glancing down and seeing the
tube he ejaculates in a whisper,
"Well, its a rum way of taking
them, but I suppose she likes it.
Here goes!" and down went the
peas into the ear-trumpet

Following this the Dixons leave
for "a vacation at the seaside."
Jan Kubelir doesn't accompany
them but lingers to tell us "my
thoughts as I stand before the pub-
lic." As however, he early states
that he dismisses the audience
from his thoughts entirely "I feel
we are intruding and turn to "Her
Brother's Letters," wherein Lent
(the brother) assures "Dear Man
—Angry Kittens" that there are
"men walking this beautiful earth
of ours who have no business to
walk it. But that's God's busi-
ness, not yours or mine." On no
condition let us pause where the
atmosphere appears to be so sur-
charged with electricity, but press
on to learn "The Real Agatha,"
and the unusual adventures of two
young men and an heiress. Dis-
appointment here stares us in the
face. We have discovered part
two and have no synopsis. I feel
sure nevertheless that Agatha has
a fairly good time of it. "Jane
Addams' Own Story of Her
Work at the Hull House Social
Settlement in Chicago" is another
proposition. I dined last year at
Hull House with a party of Cana-
dian press women and saw person-
ally the results of this brainy, de-

voted woman's work, and if you want to read the story of a grand achievement, read "Jane Addams' Own Story" of the evolution of Hull House. There's a 'man in the' next 'case' which isn't half as interesting as having a woman, so when you learn "what I have Done With Birds," what Mr. Bok and doctors think about "Girls Overdoing Athletics" and that "Popper" and "Mommer" are quite legitimate as substitutes for "Father" and "Mother," let us take a rest. If you want, though, you can go on and see "How we Trained Our Boy," and what economical (?) ideas Dolly Had and "What can be made from 'Bottle Corks,'" but as for me I must plead to a plentiful sufficiency. Evidently someone besides myself is occasionally up against it when it comes to running out of ideas. Is, oh is there anything new under the sun?

The Household.

SOME MACARONI RECIPES.

MACARONI WITH CHEESE.

One-quarter pound or twelve sticks of macaroni, broken into one-inch lengths and cooked in three pints of boiling salted water twenty minutes. Put it into a colander and pour over it cold water; drain. Make a sauce of one tablespoonful each of butter and flour and one and one-half cupsful of hot milk, salt and pepper to taste. Put a layer of cheese in the bottom of a bake-dish, then a layer of macaroni and one of sauce, then cheese, macaroni and sauce, and cover the top with fine bread crumbs with bits of butter dotted over them, and a little grated cheese. Bake until a golden-brown.

C.I.P.

MACARONI AND TOMATO SAUCE.

Cook three-quarters of a cupful of macaroni, broken into inch pieces, in boiling salted water until tender; drain and pour over it a quart of cold water to cleanse it. Cook one tablespoonful of butter with half a tablespoonful of onions chopped fine, for five minutes. Sprinkle with a few grains of cayenne pepper and add one and one-half cupsful tomato sauce and cook five minutes longer. Add salt, pepper and cheese to taste; use American cheese, or Edam and Parmesan, two tablespoonfuls of each.

TOMATO SAUCE

Brown one and one-half tablespoonfuls of butter, add one and one-half table-spoonfuls of flour and brown; then one cupful of stewed and strained tomatoes and three-quarters of a cupful of brown stock. Season to taste with salt and pepper, and if the tomatoes are acid, add half a teaspoonful of sugar and a pinch of soda.

MACARONI IN CREAM

Cook the macaroni ten minutes in boiling water; drain this off and add a cupful of milk with a little salt; stew until tender. In another sauce-pan heat a cupful of milk to boiling, thicken with a teaspoonful of flour, add a tablespoonful of butter and a beaten egg; stir the egg in; do not let it boil, as it will become curdled. When this thickens, pour it over the macaroni after it has been put in a dish.

MACARONI CROQUETTES.

Cut cold macaroni into one-half-inch pieces, drain thoroughly. Melt one tablespoonful of butter, add one heaping tablespoonful of flour or corn-starch, pour on slowly one cupful of hot milk, add the yolk of one egg; two tablespoonfuls of grated cheese, salt and pepper to taste. Add enough of this sauce to the macaroni to moisten it. Cool, shape, roll in crumbs, eggs and crumbs and fry in hot fat.

MACARONI ITALIAN STYLE

Take one large cupful of macaroni. After breaking up in inch pieces, sprinkle a pinch of salt over it and pour boiling water over it to more than cover it. Let it cook half an hour. While this is cooking, put the contents of one can of tomatoes on to cook in a separate dish, one piece of butter the size of an English walnut, salt and pepper to taste, and one tablespoonful of sugar, one small onion grated or chopped very fine; let this cook slowly for half an hour, then take the macaroni and put in a deep dish and pour the tomato over it.

MACARONI AND OYSTERS

Boil macaroni in salted water until

done, then put a layer of it in a deep dish, and over this a thick layer of oysters. Season with butter, cayenne, pepper and salt, and a little grated lemon rind. Add a gill of cream or milk to a quart dish. Strew the top with bread crumbs and butter, and bake in a quick oven.

CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN

Those desiring a delineation of character from their hand-writing should write a letter at least a hundred words in length and sign a nom de plume to it. Lined paper should in no case be used. An effort should be made to discuss some subject of interest. The coupon attached below should be clipped and enclosed and the letter addressed to "Peggy," care of the Saturday News.

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Old Sport—Had you noticed how magnificently the printers got the column mixed last week, Old Sport? I declare I had all the will in the world to shake them well. Needless to say the intention was that the "Peggy is vain" paragraph should have come first, then your letter and after that the paragraph of comments. However we'll have to forgive and forget. Your study has a good deal of charm, a generally bright style and shows you to have an intensely honest, thoroughly-going nature, truthful, loyal, and an intensely clamish disposition. Method, order, perseverance, shrewdness, sensibility, and culture are indicated, also devotion to duty and great respect for the established order of things. Where you would make mistakes would be through lack of intuition not logic. To be thoroughly happy you need congenial surroundings and the companionship of intimate friends. Your nature absolutely requires sympathy and your highest happiness and ambition would be found in your home. Decided ability along certain lines is evidenced, a bright mind, a sunny, lovable disposition, generosity, appreciation and unselfishness.

Crow—There is a good deal of dominance and unrest about this study, quickness of perception, some appreciation of art, probably music, originality, much grace of expression, determination, earnestness, energy, capability, occasional despondence and a tendency to give way to moods. Writer is ambitious, thorough apt to call a spade a spade, tactful in the main, keenly sympathetic, probably given to fads, is critical, just, intensely loyal to his own, bull-headed, fond of an argument, generous to a fault, hot-headed, determined, erratically sentimental, decided, probably methodical and possesses a world of unspent energy. Such a man takes things keenly to heart, is apt to become embittered through much suffering, and is happiest when indulging in sports or pursuing some special hobby. A fine type, at its best when under the influence of some earnest, loving woman. I wonder if Crow isn't an old-country-man?

Lonely Odette—That you have not heard from me before, my little friend, is due to the careless manner in which you directed your letter, the postal authorities sending it on to the Toronto News office. "Will you ever marry?" Can't you ask me something easy? And as to your success or failure in your present work, I can only say, it depends, as such things ever do, entirely on yourself, and your application. From your study I don't imagine that you apply yourself perseveringly. You're too fond of making a good start and letting the end take care of itself. Carelessness is very much in evidence, also much impatience, a hasty temper, the love of ease and oh such a fondness for a good time. There are many evidences of ability and misapplied effort, a thoroughly honest easy-going disposition, a good deal of personal magnetism, sensitiveness, a disposition to worry over trifles, warm affection, enthusiasm, a little changeableness, a vivid imagination, much sentimentality, a mercurial temperament, impulsiveness and outspokenness. Your writing is far from being fully developed, but shows much promise.

Spring—I think Mamma is quite correct about a delineation being a good chance to learn your bad points, Springs,

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but would you believe it, very, very few people like to be told aught but the good. I have even known some persons to get exceedingly cross over their readings and say some fearfully cutting things about Peggy in consequence. That, however, I expect. Seriously your own writing is not as yet fully developed so I'm afraid I can only suggest its probabilities. At present you're a clear innocent, contented girlie, more unselfish than most, more amenable to discipline and love, forgiving, sympathetic, generous to a fault, perhaps a little careless naturally, but very very anxious to do your best. I am sure you are always graceful and appreciative, that you are keenly observant, fond of nature and beauty, love pretty things, that you try not to be impatient, and to apply yourself though these failings probably number among your crosses. You might be too a wee bit stubborn at times, and a trifle hot-headed, but there—I have exhausted simply every indication of weakness. Tell mother that I suspect she's pretty well satisfied with her little daughter, and well she might be.

Strawberries and cream! Indeed Springs I'd travel a long distance to even see some home-grown berries again. I shall be anxious to know what you and mother think of the delineation and how she likes the household column.

The Winnipeg Gathering.

Mrs. Simpson Hayes, the secretary of the Canadian Women's Press Association, has received further particulars of the June meeting in Winnipeg, and in her column "Women's World" in the Winnipeg Free Press, writes as follows: The Canadian Women's Press Club is enjoying popular favor of the railway gods, it would appear, and the Western Canadian Immigration association, through its energetic secretary, Theodore M. Knappen, of Minneapolis, has become imbued with the idea that the organization is worth cultivating. The secretary of the C. W. P. club has recently received from the secretary of the aforesaid immigration association the courtesy of an invitation for club members to visit Banff, Edmonton, Prince Albert, Battleford, and intervening points of interest as guests of the association; a splendid private car, Pullman, dining accommodation, etc., all quite free and offered as an acknowledgment of the work of the women writers in the past for Canada.

The invitation, it is needless to say, has been accepted, and a number of Canadian writers will be joined here by some very prominent American women writers from the U.S., Des Moines, Chicago, Detroit, New York, Minneapolis, Cincinnati, etc., will be represented, and the outing of the combined party will last for about two weeks.

The courteous action on the part of the Western Immigration association and the Canadian Pacific Railway and other roads over whose lines the special car will be hauled, bespeaks volumes for the generosity of both. But it also says something for the press of Canada and the United States, whose big dailies have discovered a use for women's work, and it may be stated right here that Canada can send out a pretty representative number of women writers, second to none anywhere in the ink world, such as "Kit," "Francis," "F. Cora Hild," "Peggy," Katherine Hughes and Margaret Graham Horton, Agnes Laut, who has reached a high rung in the ladder, as has Agnes Deans Cameron; Mary McLeod Moore, whom New York lured away from us; Mrs. Nellie McClung, Mrs. C. F. Macdonald, and others not so well known, whose lisping tongues have yet to be heard by wider circles.

The club meeting has been definitely fixed for June 8 and 9, and the Banff

trip begins on June 11. A programme is being arranged for the Winnipeg dates.

From the above it will be seen that a delightful holiday is in store for the Women's Press Club. I earnestly hope that their Edmonton visit will not prove the least enjoyable part of the trip. No better advertisement could possibly be devised for making our wide-awake city known to the world than tributes from the pen of these brainy women journalists. I hope that the city authorities will see to it that some arrangements are made for a fitting reception as well as for the entertainment of the visitors while in the city. Mary Markwell it may be mentioned is herself one of the pioneer women journalists of Canada, and is one of the brainiest, wittiest writers on the press to-day.

Home and Society.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. A. M. Stewart's pretty home on Fourth St. was en fête in honor of Miss Stewart of Winnipeg, when a large number of guests were present and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Mrs. Stewart who received at the entrance to the drawing room and looked very pretty in a dainty gown of sprigged muslin, with high girle of mauve and touches of the same shade on the corsage. Miss Stewart was most becomingly gowned in white chiffon, and Miss Innes, who assisted in receiving, was in cream voile, with pretty lace garniture.

In the tea-room Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Ewing presided at the tea and coffee urns, while Mrs. Armstrong had charge of the ices. The table itself was unusually attractive, having an effective drawing cloth over pink silk, with a lovely Battenberg lace centerpiece on a pink foundation. Pink bebe ribbon and saxe were employed for further decoration while the centre ornament was a tall Chinese vase holding pink carnations. Those who saw after the comfort of the guests in the tea-room were Miss Dollie Greenwood, Miss Abbie Sommerville, Miss Jessie Potter and Miss Annabel Innes. Irving's Orchestra discoursed sweet music throughout the evening and played for the joyfully little dance given for the young people following the reception. Miss Stewart left for Winnipeg on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Nightingale was the hostess of a matinee "Bridge" on Saturday afternoon, when four tables engaged in play. Miss Mabel Kerr, of Cobourg, won the pretty prize.

Mrs. Douglas, of Strathcona, was the hostess at a merry luncheon in honor of Miss Oliver on Saturday, the guests being Mrs. Short, Mrs. Hislop, Miss Oliver, Miss Robertson, Miss McLean and Miss Johnson.

Another function which claimed Miss Oliver as guest of honor, was Mrs. Emery's card party on Friday afternoon, when Mrs. Ewing won the first, and Miss Oliver the second prize.

Mrs. Mercer gave a very enjoyable euchre on Thursday afternoon, the wet not seeming to interfere in the least with the attendance of guests.

Mrs. Colquhoun leaves on Wednesday for Edmonton, when she will be the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Richard Scobie. Miss Wheeler, who has been the guest of Mrs. Colquhoun for some months past, leaves on Saturday for her home in Ireland.—Winnipeg Town Topics.

Miss Miller, of Warton, is the guest of Mrs. (Dr.) Whitelaw.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Woods left on Sunday afternoon for Ottawa, accompanied by their little daughter, Marjorie.

Mrs. Bulyea has invited "The Daughters of the Empire" to an "At Home" on Friday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. Constanline.

Mrs. Joseph Howe of Calgary is expected in Edmonton this week, where she will be the guest of Miss Rose Taylor.

Miss Oliver left for her home in Ottawa on Wednesday evening, after a very enjoyable visit with her sister, Mrs. Hislop.

Mrs. Mitchell, Fifth street, entertained at the tea hour on Saturday in honor of her aunt, Mrs. Mitchell, of Medicine Hat. Mrs. Harcourt and Mrs. McSweeney presided at the pretty tea-table, while the Misses Clark, Melsaac and McLean assisted.

The regular meeting of the "Beaver House" Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire will be held on Monday afternoon at 3.30 at the home of Mrs. Wallbridge, 7th street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sommerville left on Thursday afternoon for Seattle, where Mrs. Sommerville's father lies dangerously ill.

Mr. Charles W. Benfield, who has been accountant of the Northern Bank since the opening of the Edmonton Branch, has been appointed manager at Stevenson, B.C., near Vancouver, and leaves for his post in a few days. He has made many friends in the city during his stay here, all of whom will congratulate him on his advancement and wish him the best of success.

Peggy

The Week in Calgary

Mounted Policemen Distinguish Themselves in Arresting the Train Robbers.

Calgary, May 17th.

Sergeant Wilson of the R.N.W.M.P. achieved no small distinction during the past week through his capture of the Kamloops miner, who, it seems, is no less a personage than Bill Miner, one of the most notorious desperadoes on the continent. Incidentally he stands a chance of becoming a much richer man as a result. A reward of \$11,500 was offered for the capture of the particular bandits who held up the train on Tuesday of last week, and there are a large number of other rewards held out for the capture of Miner. That Wilson was the first man to lay hands on Miner there is no doubt. The question is whether under the rules of the R.N.W.M.P. he will be allowed to accept the remuneration. The three men were first spotted walking along the road near Douglas Lake. He sent for Sergt. Wilson and his men. According to a despatch from Quilchena the officers rode right up to the suspects and Wilson asked them what they were doing. The oldest man said they were prospecting. Wilson asked where and was answered "Over there," pointing south. Wilson then said:

"I guess you're the men we want for the hold-up," and at once covered Edwards with his revolver. One of the troopers covered another man while the third suspect rolled into a ditch nearby crying, "Well it's all up boys," and commenced firing at the police, who returned fire.

Shorty, as the man is nicknamed, cried out to quit after ten or a dozen shots had been fired. He had evidently emptied his revolver and had to give in.

"If," he said, "I had had my automatic revolver there would have been a hot time around here, you bet."

It was found that Shorty had been shot in the leg, and he said "It's a d—pity you didn't put it through my head." A rig was obtained at Douglas Lake and the prisoners taken on to Quilchena, and Dr. Tutthill of Nicola was sent for and attended the wounded man.

The prisoners and mounted police with Constable Fernie, remained over-night at Quilchena and left for Kamloops at 7.30 in the morning. After their arrest the prisoners were found to have several automatic revolvers and a large quantity of ammunition.

Edwards has been for the last two years in Nicola and Similkameen districts prospecting. In an interview he said that neither he nor the others had anything to do with the holdup. He said they had started from Pothole lake, near Aspen Grove, intending to prospect eastward, toward Armstrong, behind Grand Prairie, and returning toward Nicola came via Batchelor's Meadows across Douglas lake trail, where they were arrested. When asked their reason for carrying such an armament he replied that prospectors usually carried firearms, and he did not think that they carried too much. He said they could prove alibis and especially asked that he should not be condemned unheard. He answers to the description of the leader of the robbers.

Edwards is well known all through Aspen Grove copper camp and the Nicola country. He is rather pleasant to talk to and has an American accent. Capt. Seavey of Thiel's Detective Agency, believes he is Bill Miner. William Dun, called Shorty, answers the description of the second man. He has been prospecting down at Ashola, near Hedley, and claims to be interested with Rogers, of the Nicole Plate mine, in several mining properties. He showed the greatest nerve of the three and there is no doubt that had the other two put up the fight he did, the police would have had a hard time arresting them.

Bill Morgan, alias E. A. Miner, alias Old Bill Miner, is an experienced man at the game. Although a Canadian by birth, Morgan usually exploited his peculiar talents on the other side of the line. He was sentenced to twenty-five years imprisonment in San Quentin, Cal., for train robbery. He served his term, minus an allowance for good conduct. He then came north, and on the 23rd of September he held up an O. R. & N. train. Despite the doubled energy of Pinkerton men and railroad detectives, and the \$1300 reward offered for his capture, he succeeded in escaping. He was traced further north and the local police kept their eyes open for him here. He was believed to have made for the Fraser. His description tallied pretty closely with that given by the engineer and trainmen on the occasion of Silverdale hold-up in September, 1904. Morgan's method is said to be characterized by extreme caution. He settled down to some legitimate occupation along the line he intended to rob and made his preparations carefully. Then when circumstances and events were opportune he made his coup. The country and the means of escape were carefully thought out beforehand. A year ago he was descri-

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bed as a man of 50 years of age, but looking 55. His height was given as 5 feet 9½ inches, and his build as slight, and his weight 145 pounds.

After the lecture on Tuesday night about twenty of the graduates of Toronto University living in Edmonton held an informal gathering at the Pendennis in honor of Dr. McLennan. The company included J. C. F. Bown, Hon. C. W. Cross, Dr. Whitelaw, Dr. Clendenann, C. E. Race, Principal Rae, O. M. Biggar, J. E. Wallbridge, J. W. Cunningham, R. H. Johnston, J. A. Fyffe, Principal Scott, Principal Russell, K. W. MacKenzie and A. B. Watt.

C. de W. Macdonald left for England on Tuesday in connection with the appeal in the Wostock church case.

E. Raymer, one of the pioneer business men of Edmonton, has sold his business to Jackson Brothers of Toronto. The new firm consists of J. H. Harry and W. J. Jackson. One of the daily papers states that the old proprietor has been in business here "since the year 186." Everyone knew that Mr. Raymer was an old-timer and proud of it but no one would think

from his youthful appearance that he was such a patriarch as this statement indicates. He carries with him into his comparative freedom from business responsibilities the best wishes of a host of friends.

Mrs. Wilfrid Gariepy and child have gone on a visit to Quebec.

Fred Marshall went to Calgary Thursday to meet his father, who has just come out from England.

A man bent on an unusual mission is in Edmonton just at present. He is a young Icelandic, Mr. V. Steffanson, a graduate of Harvard University. In a few days he leaves with Mr. Anderson, chief factor of the H. B. Co. at Fort McPherson, for the Arctic ocean where he will join a party of 14 or 15 others who are starting from Victoria, B. C. and sailing around by way of Alaska. Their destination is Minto Inlet on the south end of Victoria Land. For three years they will conduct exploratory work that has never before been attempted. Mr. Steffanson himself will explore the Canadian coast line between Cape Bathurst and the mouth of the Coppermine, the only part of the coast of the continent that still remains to be traversed.

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About Town

The people who had to trudge through the mud to the new post-office on Wednesday morning were loud in their condemnation of the city authorities who had allowed the removal of the sidewalk after the rain-storm, which has lasted all week had started. Many laughable sights were to be witnessed while the people trudged through the mud. In the afternoon the contractor had his men replace the sidewalk, work on the new one being suspended until the weather should clear up.

We understand that Auctioneer Smith has started a Saddle Livery in his Stables on Fifth street, H.B.R. We have seen the outfit and without a doubt the smartest lot of horses in town, both for gentlemen and ladies. A complete new lot of saddles, etc., Mr. Cap Walsh will manage and anyone desirous of having a smart riding horse out by the day or hour can be accommodated. Charges will be very low and we wish them success.

The boats of the H. B. Company, Hisslop and Nagle and Folk and Swiggert are tied up at Athabasca Landing owing to low water.

Nominations to fill the vacancy in the vacancy in the council caused by the retirement of J. R. Boyle, M.P.P., will take place May 25th, with polling a week later. John McEllan is returning officer and J. A. Maclean deputy.

The Young Liberals will hold a mock parliament on May 29. The House is modelled on that of Alberta, the 25 constituencies of the province being represented by 14 Liberals, 11 Conservatives and 2 Independents. Dr. Forin has been elevated to the dignity of the lieutenant-governorship. Dr. Strong is premier, G. B. McLeod, leader of the opposition; F. A. Robertson, attorney-general; J. A. McKinnon, minister of public works, and C. Ross Palmer, minister of agriculture.

The visiting hours at Strathcona hospital are: For Public Patients -

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City Assessor McMillan commenced the work of assessing the business portion of the city on Wednesday.

The rendition of the sacred cantata "The Holy City" under the leadership of Jackson Hanby took place at McDougall Methodist church on Tuesday night. There was a chorus of fifty voices, which was under excellent control and carried its work through with spirit and intelligence, reflecting not a little credit on the talented and energetic conductor. The solos were taken by Mrs. Green, Mrs. Kerr, Dr. Nicholls and Mr. Race, all of whom made an excellent impression. Miss Beatrice Crawford was, as always, a most efficient accompanist.

At Tuesday night's Council meeting, Secretary-Treasurer Kinnaird informed Al. Manson that one of the reasons why the telephone service had been so poor of late was that great difficulty had been experienced in getting girls for the central office.

Farmers' Market.

Edmonton, Alta.

May 17th, 1906.

The wet weather during the past week has had an effect on the market supply. Prices remain practically the same as those of last week. Timothy is quoted from \$12 to \$15 and wild hay \$7 to \$12 per ton. Beef is quoted at 3 to 4¢ and live hogs 6½¢ to 6¾¢, while mutton and veal bring 5½¢ to 6½¢. Butter is quoted 20¢ to 25¢ per lb. and 16¢ per dozen for eggs. Potatoes bring 35¢ to 45¢ per bushel; oats, 22¢ per bushel for feed and 25¢ for milling; barley, 25¢ per bushel for feed and 30¢ for malt.

Weekly Market Letter

Edmonton, Alta.

May 17th, 1906.

WHEAT—The wheat market has ruled firm during the past week influenced by unfavorable weather in the northwestern spring wheat states and a small sized crop in the May wheat in Chicago which has resulted in a net advance of about three cents per bushel for the week. The Canadian West is getting a good fall of rain which will relieve all apprehension of a drought. The northwestern states are getting too much moisture.

The world's shipments for last week were large, 12,320,000 bushels as compared with 9,184,000 bushels same week last year. The American and Canadian visible supply decreased 2,465,000 bushels for the week.

Continued unfavorable weather in the Northwestern States will be likely to result in a further advance in prices but the return of warm sunshiny weather in the near future is likely to work a change in sentiment and bring about a reaction in prices.

RANGE OF PRICES FOR THE WEEK:

	High	Low	Close to-day	Close w'k ago
Minneapolis -				
July Wheat, 83	80½	83	80½	80½
Sept. " 80½	78½	80½	78½	78½
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July Wheat, 82½	80½	82½	80½	80½
Sept. " 81	78½	81	78½	78½

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